

REMARKS

This is intended as a full and complete response to the Office Action dated August 20, 2008. Please reconsider the claims pending in the application for reasons discussed herein.

Claims 1-8 remain pending in the application after entry of this response. Claims 1 and 6-8 have been amended. Claim 9 has been cancelled.

Claim Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 103

Claims 1, 2, 4 and 6 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over *Sellstrom, et al.* in view of *Yeakey*. Claims 1, 3, and 5 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over *Waddill, et al.*

Applicants have amended Claim 1 to incorporate features of Claim 9 (now cancelled) which examiner objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim but containing subject matter that is neither taught nor suggested by the prior art. Applicants therefore request removal of claim rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 103 and allowance of amended Claim 1.

Given that Claims 6-8 depend from Claim 1, Applicants respectfully submit that Claims 6-8 are allowable. Given that Claims 2- 5 rely on limitations of Claim 1, Applicants respectfully request that Claims 2- 5 are allowable.

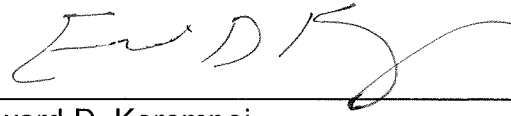
Accordingly, applicants respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider, withdraw the rejection and allow Claims 1-8.

Conclusion

In conclusion, the references cited by the Examiner, alone or in combination, do not teach, show, or suggest the invention as claimed.

Having addressed all issues set out in the Office Action, Applicants respectfully submit that the claims are in condition for allowance and respectfully requests that the claims be allowed.

Respectfully submitted,

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